

*Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
At Missouri State University
October 2008- May 2009*

OCTOBER

Oct. 4

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Gordon Lightfoot** at 8 p.m. His songs have been recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary, Marty Robbins, Bob Dylan, Glen Campbell, Anne Murray, Harry Belafonte, Elvis Presley and Barbra Streisand. There will be an introduction to the performance at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$38, \$48 and \$58 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Oct. 5

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **The Dave Brubeck Quartet** at 7:30 p.m. This performance is part of the Missouri State University Jazz Showcase. Pianist Dave Brubeck is a legend and a jazz icon. One of the creators of the West Coast or cool jazz sound, Brubeck has been at the forefront of jazz since the 1950s. He will be joined on stage by Randy Jones on drums, Michael Moore on bass and Bobby Militello on sax and flute. Randy Hamm, associate professor of saxophone and jazz studies, will present an introduction to the performance at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$23, \$33 and \$43 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Oct. 14

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Parsons Dance** at 7:30 p.m. This internationally renowned dance company, under the artistic direction of choreographer David Parsons, creates and performs contemporary American works of extraordinary artistry. Ruth Barnes, assistant professor of theatre and dance, will present an introduction to the performance at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$16 and \$26 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Oct. 21

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **An Evening with Bebe Neuwirth** at 7:30 p.m. This performance is part of the Missouri State University Jazz Showcase. Bebe Neuwirth is best known to television audiences as Lillith, the wife of Frasier Crane, and to Broadway fans for her roles as Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart in Chicago. Tickets are \$23 and \$33 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417)836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>

Oct. 29

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Jungua—Descendents of the Dragon** at 7:30 p.m. In Chinese tradition, the mythical dragon symbolizes power, heroism, goodness and perseverance. This spectacular production combines the masculine martial arts of kungfu and gigong with the feminine grace of contortion, acrobatics and dance. Dr. John Prescott, professor of music, will present an introduction to the performance at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$23 and \$33 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Master Class: Pius Cheung, marimba** at 4:30 p.m. Cheung will work with marimba students, offering comments on technique, interpretation and performance. This 25-year-old marimbist was born in Hong Kong and moved to Vancouver with his family at the age of 12. His debut album of his own transcription of Bach's "Goldberg Variations" is the first and only recording of the work on marimba and received rave reviews. Cheung, a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and The Boston Conservatory, is currently pursuing his doctorate at the University of Michigan. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Anjie Nowell, coordinator for the Center for Arts in the Schools, at (417) 836-5711 or anjienowell@missouristate.edu.

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Pius Cheung, marimba** at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Don Wessel Emerging Concert Artist Series. This 25-year-old marimbist was born in Hong Kong and moved to Vancouver with his family at the age of 12. His debut album of his own transcription of Bach's "Goldberg Variations" is the first and only recording of the work on marimba, and received rave reviews. Cheung, a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and The Boston Conservatory, is currently pursuing his doctorate at the University of Michigan. Audience members are invited to attend a Meet the Artist reception following the recital. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Nov. 7

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Master Class: Giorgio Lalov, voice** at 4 p.m. Lalov, artistic director of international opera company Teatro Lirico D'Europa, will work with advanced voice students, offering comments on technique, interpretation and performance. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Anjie Nowell, coordinator for the Center for Arts in the Schools, at (417) 836-5711 or anjienowell@missouristate.edu.

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci** at 8 p.m. Two operas, both set in Sicilian villages, reflect the colorful world of traditional Italian peasants going about their daily lives until jealousy and revenge flare into tragedy. This dramatic double bill from Teatro Lirico D'Europa is loaded with fabulous music, including the tragic aria "Vesti la giubba" from Pagliacci and the intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana. The performance will be in Italian with English supertitles. An introduction to the performance will be given at 7:15 p.m. by Jane Munson-Berg, general director of the Springfield Regional Opera. Tickets are \$36 and \$24 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

DECEMBER

Dec. 5-6

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present the **Winter Arts Festival** from 5-10 p.m. This acclaimed visual and performing arts festival features great music on four beautiful lobby levels and exciting performances in the theatre. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or debgallion@missouristate.edu.

Dec. 5

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Béla and the Flecktones** at 8 p.m. The Alash Ensemble will join these funky master musicians as they give a new sound to the traditional songs of Christmas and the winter season. Tickets are \$33 and \$23 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Dec. 6

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present the **Jim Brickman Holiday Concert** at 4 p.m. Popular pianist/songwriter Brickman once again returns with his own seasonal music, the warm and wonderful stories that make a Brickman concert such a delight any season of the year and signature romantic ballads, plus special guests singer Anne Cochran and electric violinist Tracy Silverman. Tickets are \$58, \$48 and \$38 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Dec. 14

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Michael Martin Murphey's Cowboy Christmas** at 7 p.m. For more than a decade, America's favorite cowboy singer has brought his old-fashioned songs, heartwarming stories and message of Christmas cheer to the stage of Hammons Hall for a warm and wonderful holiday concert. It's a show that's designed for all ages, from kids to parents to grandpas and grandmas. Tickets are \$29 and \$19 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

JANUARY

Jan. 23-25

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** at 8 p.m. Jan. 23, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 24, and 2 p.m. Jan. 25. This performance is part of the Broadway Series. In this Tony Award-winning new musical comedy, six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. Byrne Blackwood, professor emeritus of theatre, will present an introduction to the performance 45 minutes prior to curtain. Tickets are \$12-\$45 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>

Jan. 31

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Big Smith and BBQ** at 8 p.m. The tradition continues, as once again one of Springfield's biggest bands comes to the stage at the Hall for a warm and inviting evening of distinctive Big Smith-style music as well as home-style barbecue in the lobby before the show. The barbecue dinner begins at 5 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$16 and \$26; barbecue is \$10. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>

FEBRAURY

Feb. 9

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **The Phantom Tollbooth** at 7 p.m. This performance is part of the Family Theatre Series. Even surrounded by dozens of toys, nothing interests Milo at all until the Phantom Tollbooth comes to the rescue. Norton Juster's beloved children's book is given full musical treatment by the Kennedy Center Theater for Young Audiences on Tour. Tickets are \$17 and \$11 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Feb. 10

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Urban Bush Women** at 7:30 p.m. This sassy, strong and relevant dance company, founded in 1984 by choreographer Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, seeks to bring the untold and under-told histories of disenfranchised people to light through dance. There will be an introduction to the performance by Dr. Ruth Barnes, assistant professor of theatre and dance, 45 minutes before curtains open and a question and answer session with company members immediately following the performance. Tickets are \$23 and \$13 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

Feb. 24

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Master Class: Benjamin Moser, piano** at 4:30 p.m. Moser will work with advanced piano students, offering comments on technique, interpretation and performance. Born in Munich in 1981 into a family of musicians, this 26-year-old pianist began his studies at the age of 5. He has won prizes in many young artist competitions, including the 2006 Young Concert Artists European Auditions and first prize in the 2007 Young Concert Artists International Auditions. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Anjie Nowell, coordinator for the Center for Arts in the Schools, at (417) 836-5711 or anjenowell@missouristate.edu.

Feb. 25

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Benjamin Moser, piano** at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Don Wessel Emerging Concert Artist Series. Born in Munich in 1981 into a family of musicians, this 26-year-old pianist began his studies at the age of 5. He has won prizes in many young artist competitions, including the 2006 Young Concert Artists European Auditions and first prize in the 2007 Young Concert Artists International Auditions. Audience members are invited to attend a Meet the Artist reception following the recital. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

MARCH

March 3

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present “**To Kill a Mockingbird**” at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Montana Repertory Theatre. Harper Lee’s 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is unquestionably an American classic. Both heartwarming and chilling, this story of prejudice, racism, courage and human value is familiar to many as an Academy Award-winning film. There will be an introduction at 6:45 p.m. by Dr. Linda Benson, professor emeritus of English. There will be a question and answer session with company members immediately following the performance. Tickets are \$23 and \$13 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

March 6-8

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **The Rat Pack is Back!** at 8 p.m. March 6, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 7 and 2 p.m. March 8. This performance is part of the Broadway series. This spirited tribute recreates one of the famous “Summit at the Sands” hotel shows with Vegas’ four favorite sons: Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin and Joey Bishop. The show features uncanny vocal recreations, unbridled humor and a hot, live big band that sends audiences straight back to the coolest time in history. Songs include “That’s Amore,” “Fly Me to the Moon” and “Mr. Bojangles.” Tickets are \$12-\$47 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

March 18

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **LA Theatre Works: War of the Worlds/The Lost World** at 7:30 p.m. America's premiere radio theatre company presents a back-to-back double bill of chills, thrills and great literature by recreating Orson Welles' infamous radio broadcast of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," along with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's campy time-travel adventure, "The Lost World," where dinosaurs exist alongside ape men and intrepid explorers. Tickets are \$23 and \$13 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849. For more information, contact Anjie Nowell, coordinator for the Center for Arts in the Schools, at (417) 836-5711 or anjenowell@missouristate.edu.

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **"Inside Acting" panel discussion** from 4-5 p.m. Cast members from L.A. Theatre Works' double-bill of "War of the Worlds"/"The Lost World" will discuss their roles in the production and their acting careers in theatre, television and film. For over two decades, L.A. Theatre Works has been the leading radio theatre company in the United States. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Anjie Nowell, coordinator for the Center for Arts in the Schools, at (417) 836-5711 or anjenowell@missouristate.edu.

APRIL

April 3

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Mad Science presents CSI: Live!** at 7 p.m. This performance is part of the Family Theater series. When a crime is committed at the premiere of a Las Vegas magic show, the CSI investigators spring into action. Aided by supervisor Gil Grissom and a room full of audience recruits, they will use their superior logic and forensic know-how to investigate the evidence and test their theories. Tickets are \$17 and \$11 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

April 4

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Dave Scott** at 8 p.m. as part of the Missouri State University Jazz Showcase. Trumpeter Dave Scott is recognized in the jazz community as a prolific composer. His ensembles feature some of New York's finest jazz musicians and they perform regularly in the New York City area and on the Los Angeles County Museum of Art concert series. Scott has been featured at the Newport and Monterey Jazz Festivals. He is currently on the jazz faculty at Western Connecticut State University. Tickets are \$26 and \$16 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

April 14

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Master Class: Alexandre Bouzlov, cello** at 4:30 p.m. Bouzlov will work with advanced cello students, offering comments on technique, interpretation and performance. Since winning the 2001 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, this 23-year-old Russian cellist has performed in concerts around the world and has won many major international cello competitions. Born in Moscow, he began cello studies at the age of 6. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Anjie Nowell, coordinator for the Center for Arts in the Schools, at (417) 836-5711 or anjenowell@missouristate.edu.

April 15

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present **Alexandre Bouzlov, cello** at 7:30 p.m. Since winning the 2001 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, this 23-year-old Russian cellist has performed in concerts around the world and has won many major international cello competitions. Born in Moscow, he began cello studies at the age of 6. Audience members are invited to attend a Meet the Artist reception following the recital. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

April 24-26

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present “**Jesus Christ Superstar**” at 8 p.m. April 24, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 25 and 2 p.m. April 26. This performance is part of the Broadway series. With a score of amazing songs: “I Don’t Know How to Love Him,” “Everything’s Alright,” “What’s the Buzz” and “Superstar,” this groundbreaking production, starring Ted Neeley in the title role, is as relevant and timeless as ever. Joey Williams, choreographer, will introduce the performance at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$20-55 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

MAY

May 3

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts will present the **Presidents Concert: A Sea Symphony** at 4 p.m. This major work for chorus, soloists and orchestra is an incredible artistic collaboration between the great American poet, Walt Whitman, and the British musical giant Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Missouri State Symphony, the Missouri State Choral Ensembles and soloists join together to present this spectacular and powerful master work to, as Whitman said, "Behold, the sea itself!" Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the Missouri State TIX box office at (417) 836-7678 or (toll free) 888-476-7849 or by visiting <http://www.missouristatetix.com>. For more information, contact Deb Gallion, director of marketing, at (417) 836-6767 or visit <http://www.HammonsHall.com>.

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